

CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3684, *supra*.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2130. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ SENIOR CORPS DISTANCE VOLUNTEERING.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Senior Corps Distance Volunteering Act”.

(b) **ONLINE SERVICE PLATFORM.**—Title IV of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 421 (42 U.S.C. 5061) as section 401;

(2) by moving that section 401 so as to follow the title heading for title IV; and

(3) by inserting after section 420 (42 U.S.C. 5059) the following:

“SEC. 421. ONLINE SERVICE PLATFORM.

“(a) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term ‘COVID-19 public health emergency period’ means the period of the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to COVID-19.

“(b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of the Senior Corps Distance Volunteering Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation shall establish an online service platform to connect volunteers in the National Senior Service Corps with service projects, and enable the volunteers to carry out distance volunteering on an online network. The platform shall be linked to and placed prominently on the website of the Corporation. The Corporation may enter into a contract with a public entity to create the platform.

“(c) **INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE.**—

“(1) **INFORMATION.**—The Corporation shall provide information to regional offices of the Corporation about how to get volunteers in the National Senior Service Corps connected to the platform.

“(2) **GUIDANCE.**—The Corporation shall issue guidance for the regional offices about how to transfer the programs of the National Senior Service Corps to the platform.

“(d) **OUTREACH.**—The Corporation shall provide outreach services to promote the platform, including outreach to institutions of higher education, the Department of Veterans Affairs for mentorship projects, and State and local governments for community engagement projects.

“(e) **REPORT ON IMPACT OF ONLINE SERVICE PLATFORM.**—

“(1) **DEFINITION.**—In this subsection, the term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’ means—

“(A) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives;

“(B) the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate;

“(C) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

“(D) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

“(2) **REPORT.**—

“(A) **PREPARATION.**—The Corporation shall prepare a report that—

“(i) describes the use of funds appropriated to carry out this section, concerning the online service platform described in subsection (b);

“(ii) describes the ways in which the platform has enabled volunteers in the National Senior Service Corps, many of whom are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, to apply their skills, knowledge, and expertise to directly serve the community through distance volunteering by providing assistance during the COVID-19 public health emergency period;

“(iii) measures the number of volunteers in the National Senior Service Corps volunteers who do, and the number of such volunteers who do not, serve through the online service platform, during the COVID-19 public health emergency period; and

“(iv) assesses the impact of volunteers in the National Senior Service Corps who do, and the number of such volunteers who do not, serve through the online service platform, during the COVID-19 public health emergency period.

“(B) **SUBMISSION.**—Not later than 1 year after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency period, the Corporation shall submit the report to the appropriate committees of Congress.

“(f) **RECOMMENDATION.**—Not later than 6 months after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency period, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation shall submit a recommendation to Congress regarding whether the Corporation should continue to use the platform as a main resource for connecting volunteers in the National Senior Service Corps with service projects and enabling the volunteers to carry out distance volunteering.”.

(c) **EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION.**—The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes, namely:

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OPERATING EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Operating Expenses”, for necessary expenses for the Corporation for National and Community Service to carry out section 421 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, \$5,000,000: *Provided*, That the amount appropriated under this heading is designated by Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)(i)).

SA 2131. Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1941, strike lines 7 through 11.

SA 2132. Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. LUMMIS, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. CRAMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division C, insert the following:

SEC. 300 ____ INCREASED FEDERAL SHARE OF OPERATING COSTS FOR CERTAIN AREAS.

Section 5311(g)(2)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the subparagraph heading, by striking “EXCEPTION” and inserting “EXCEPTIONS”;

(2) by striking “A State” and inserting the following:

“(i) STATES WITH NONTAXABLE INDIAN LANDS OR PUBLIC DOMAIN LANDS.—Subject to clause (ii), a State”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) AREAS WITH PARTICULAR NEEDS.—

“(I) **DEFINITION.**—In this clause, the term ‘area of persistent poverty’ means—

“(aa) any county in which not less than 20 percent of the population has lived in poverty during the most recent 30-year period, as measured by—

“(AA) the second and third most recent decennial censuses; and

“(BB) the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates of the Bureau of the Census for the most recent year for which the Estimates are available; or

“(bb) any census tract with a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent, as measured by most recent 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Bureau of the Census.

“(II) **INCREASED FEDERAL SHARE.**—A grant made under this section for operating assistance to an operator of public transportation that serves an area that meets 1 or more of the criteria under subclause (III) shall be for 80 percent of the net operating costs of the project, as determined by the Secretary.

“(III) **CRITERIA.**—The criteria referred to in subclause (II) are that an area—

“(aa) is an area of persistent poverty;

“(bb) is a county in which not less than 25 percent of residents are age 65 or older, according to the most recent 5-year estimate of the American Community Survey of the Bureau of the Census;

“(cc) is a county that, or is a county that includes a site that—

“(AA) has been designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as a health professional shortage area under section 332(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254e(a)) on the basis of a primary care or mental health care shortage; and

“(BB) received a health professional shortage area score for the most recent program year, with respect to primary care or mental health care, that was not less than the lowest minimum score, as designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services for that program year, necessary for the site to be eligible for the assignment of National Health Service Corps members providing primary care or mental health care, respectively, for fulfillment of obligated service under the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program; or

“(dd) is a county with a population density of not more than 20 persons per square mile of land area, based on the most recent decennial census.”.

SA 2133. Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. SMITH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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